

William Main Distinguished Visitors Program  
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Review of Resource Conservation and Stocking Standards for California Forests

September 12, 2017  
9:30 – 3:30  
1215 K St, Suite #1830  
Sacramento

The California Legislature recently has given the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection the flexibility to consider modifications to minimum stocking standards for various silviculture prescriptions on private forestlands. In support of the Board's review, the William Main Program is sponsoring a series of work sessions to substantiate and summarize the current state of knowledge on forest stocking and to outline and justify the need for any alternative standards.

Consideration will be given to information and analysis generated through scientific studies, research trials, operational experience and trials, forest inventory assessments, forest modeling results and professional and expert judgement.

The benefits, costs and potential for modification are to be assessed in terms of the forest's capacity to produce high-quality timber products, increase resilience and sustainability, reduce wildfire fuels, sequester and store carbon, and maintain and enhance water flows and wildlife habitat. While the focus is on private lands, federal and other public land management actions and effects are in scope.

Work team members and participants will be encouraged to provide information, engage in the work sessions and activities between sessions, and be active in a dialogue leading to conclusions and recommendations.

Agenda

Objective: Facilitate an initial Information exchange, outline the contents of a report out to the Board of Forestry, and agree on next steps

Schedule:

9:30 Overview and Introductions

- 9:45 Why is this topic important?
- Board of Forestry and Cal Fire
  - Landowners and the industry
  - Scientists and researchers
  - Other agencies
  - Public good interests

10:45 Break

- 11:00 What's the problem and what do we know about it?
- Statewide information
  - Science and research
  - Operational and agency experience
  - Other

Noon Lunch (provided)

- 1:00 What's the form of the answer?
- Board of Forestry
  - Work group dialogue

- 2:00 How to proceed?
- End-in-mind
  - Work commitments and contributions
  - Additional participants and resources
  - Schedule and interactions
  - Final product(s)

3:30 Adjournment

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